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MEMORANDUM ON
PROBABLE AMPHIBIOUS
TANK ROUTE TO
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The probable land and water route taken by the amphibious PT-76 tanks, which were employed by communist forces in taking the base at Lang Vei near Khe Sanh earlier this month, is now reflected in [REDACTED] photography of the area, [REDACTED] 25X1D

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A road reported under construction, on [REDACTED] from Laos Route 92 is complete and serviceable to the west bank of the Se Pone (river) at the Laos/South Vietnam border (Figure 1) and is outlined on an accompanying detailed map (Page 2). The last approximately three nm portion of the road was completed [REDACTED]. There is no evidence of a river crossing at this part of the border. Tracks indicate that vehicles navigated the river north about 0.9 nm (Figure 2), followed a previously existing trail in South Vietnam about 3.4 nm, then re-entered the river. They continued north 2.3 nm, past a PT-76 tank observed in the water (Figure 3), to the north bank of the Se Pone (Figure 4). This part of the river is connected to the Lang Vei Compound by a heavily used, one nm, service road. A damaged/destroyed PT-76 tank and a probably disabled, unidentified tank are observed on this road. A second damaged/destroyed PT-76 tank is observed within the compound (Figure 5).

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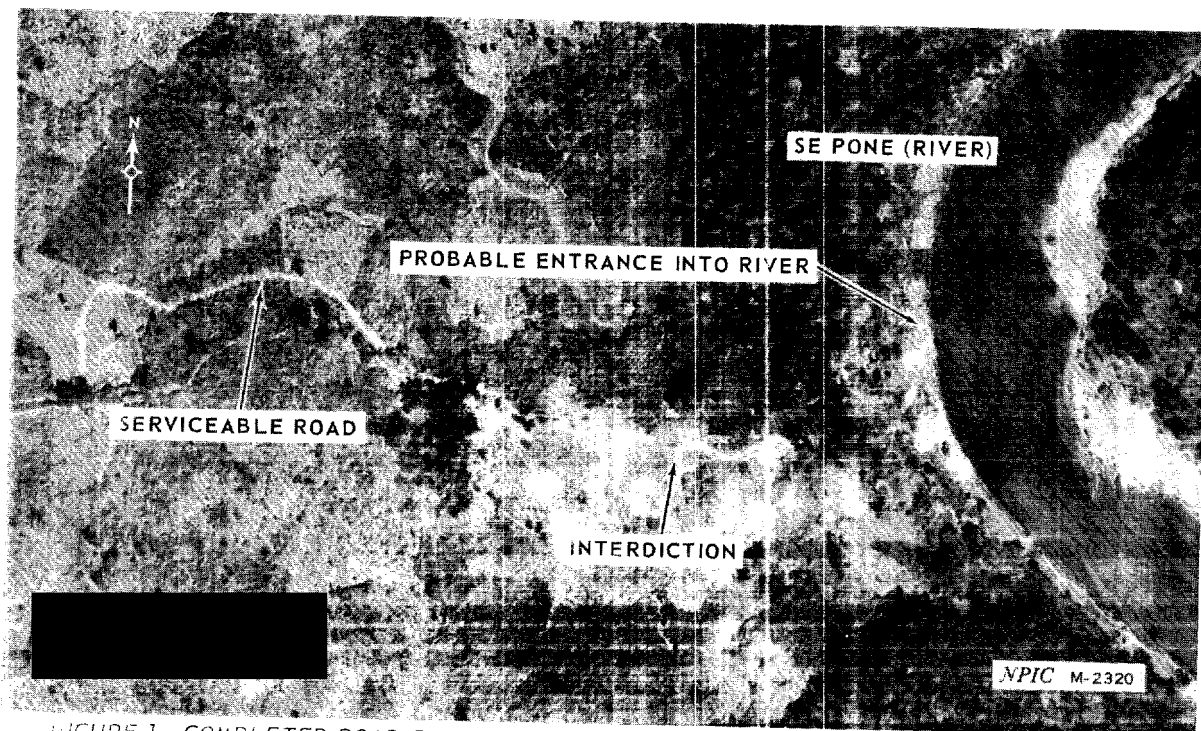


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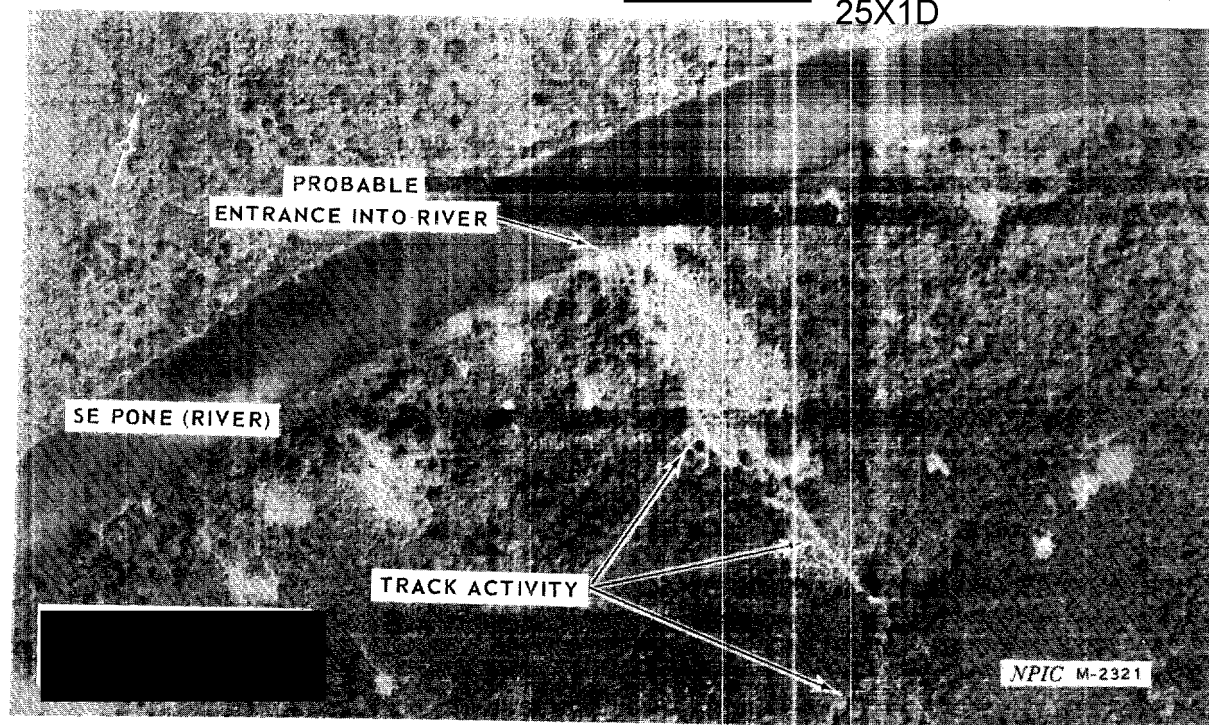
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FIGURE 1. COMPLETED ROAD CONSTRUCTION, [REDACTED] LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER
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FIGURE 2. TRACK ACTIVITY, [REDACTED] LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

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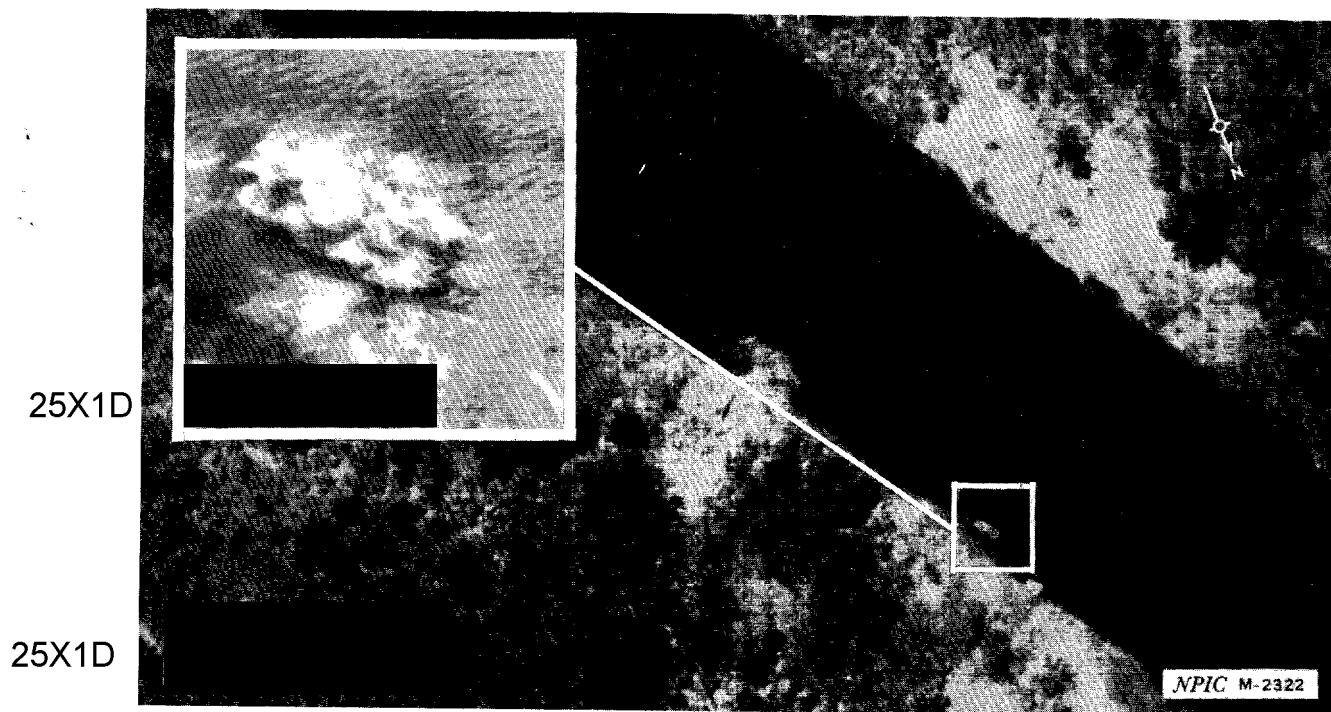


FIGURE 3. PT-76 AMPHIBIOUS TANK, [REDACTED] SE PONE (RIVER), LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM

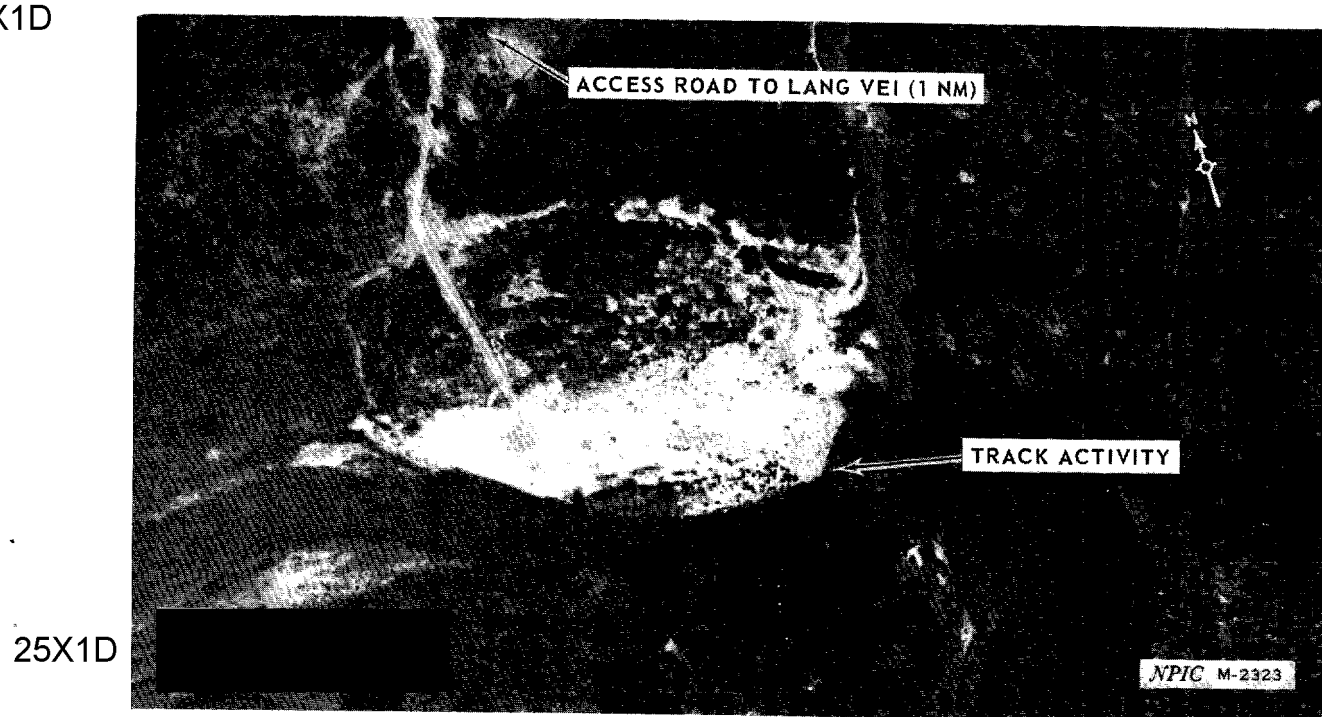
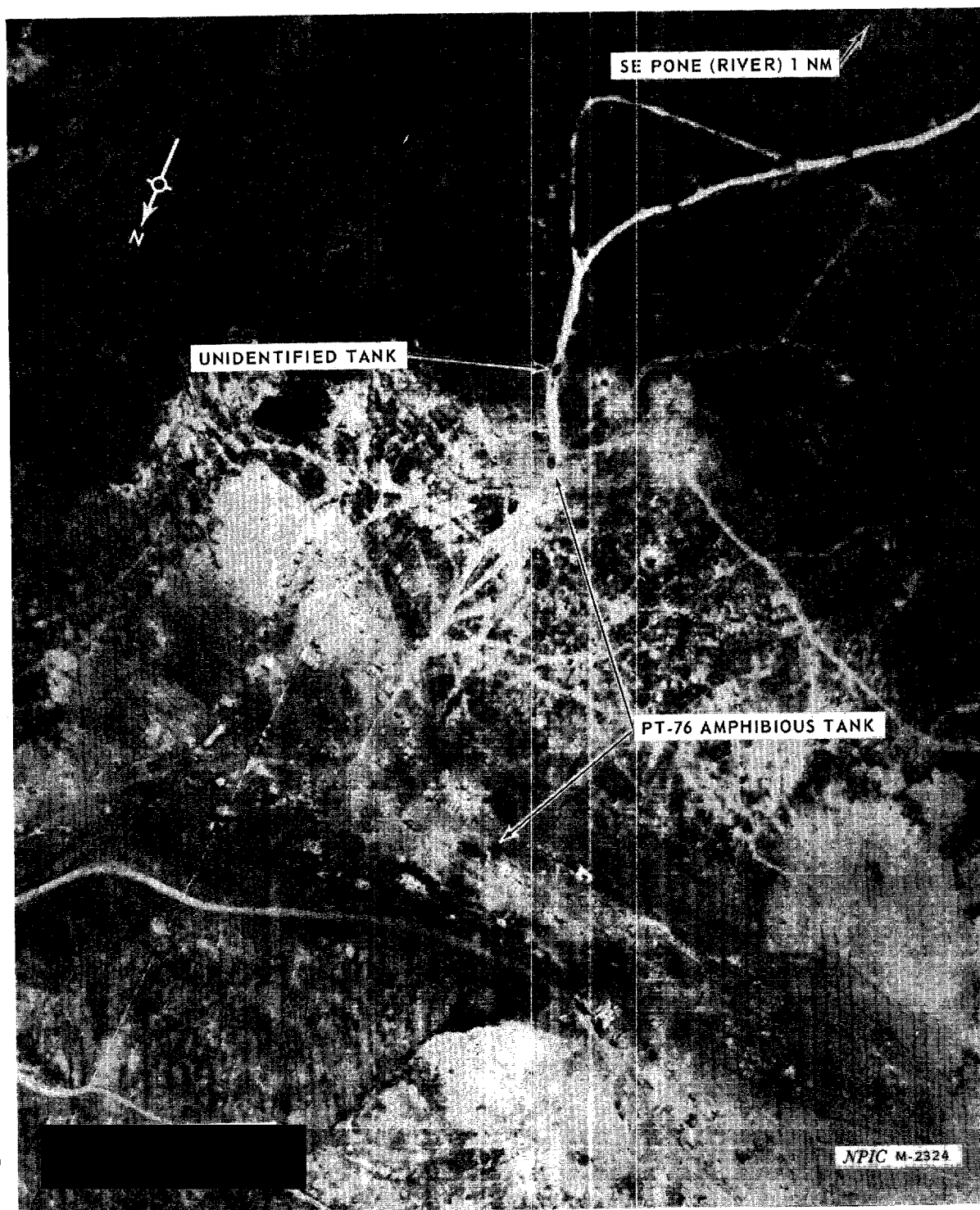


FIGURE 4. TRACK ACTIVITY, [REDACTED], SE PONE (RIVER), LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

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FIGURE 5. DAMAGED/DESTROYED TANKS, [REDACTED], LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM

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